

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Masahiro KAWASAKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2851

Appln. No. : 09/955,089 **098**

Filed : September 19, 2001

For : ZOOM FLASH AND FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-54352, which was published on February 25, 1997, along with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,067,422 to TOKUNAGA et al., which issued on May 23, 2000;

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/531,476 to NUMAKO et al., entitled "External Flash Control System", which was filed on March 20, 2000;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/955,163 to KAWASAKI et al., entitled "Multi-Flash Photography System", which was filed on September 19, 2001;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/955,145 to KAWASAKI et al., entitled "Flash Photography System", which was filed on September 19, 2001; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/955,208 to KAWASAKI et al., entitled "Flash Photography System", which was filed on September 19, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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COMPLETION OF RECORD

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Sir :

On December 19, 2001, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement in the above-captioned matter. In the Information Disclosure Statement, copies of Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-54352, published on February 35, 1997, along with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,067,422, issued on May 23, 2000, were provided to the Examiner, and a Form PTO-1449 was also provided.

Upon discussion with the Examiner, for the Application No. 09/955,089 (not the present application) an error was noted regarding the Serial Number on the above mentioned filed Information Disclosure Statement on. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to make changes to the above mentioned Information Disclosure Statement and consider the cited documents.

For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement with the error circled and a copy of our dated-

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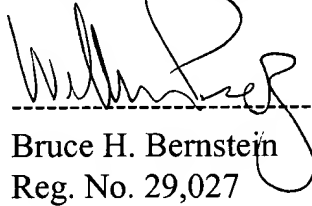
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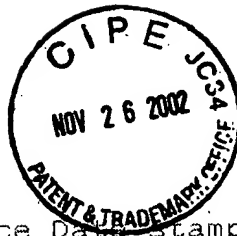
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